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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 December 2007.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 26 November 2007 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/06/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/16/03.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elg al. (6,694,354) in view of obtaining a URL address to a driver from a location on a single database.

Claims

1. A method of installing a device driver in a computer, the device driver driving a peripheral device connected to the computer, comprising the steps of:

(a) obtaining an URL address containing the device driver corresponding to the peripheral device by

(a1) accessing a previously generated database stored in the computer..., the database storing URL addresses and a correspondence of ...peripheral device identification data to the stored URL addresses;

Elg

See the title, abstract and fig. 1.

See fig. 1 items 14 and the connection between items 11 and 13.

See Elg's fig. 1 item 14, which indicates that part of the address is obtained from the database stored in the computer; while a portion is obtained from the device itself. Therefore, although the address is not accessed entirely from the database a portion is. It is considered merely a choice of design to obtain the address from one location entirely; since the same overall functionality is provided for. This is considered the essence of the discussion provided in the background

of Elg's invention, see col. 1 lines 23-32 and lines 50-55 (in which the peripheral device merely provides its device ID while the host uniquely identifies the location (URL)). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to obtain the host (previously generated database) only to acquire the URL (as specified in Elg's background) and in situations in which the driver is not located at the initial location, see col. 3 lines 59-col. 4 line 5. The feature would have been obvious to enable the host (database storing URL addresses) to obtain the desired driver, see col. 3 lines 55-58 and col. 1 lines 50-64 (which provides for information to be retrieved traditionally based on information stored on the host (database) via for example a floppy disk or CDROM (again a previously generated database) to ensure that appropriate drivers can be properly located based on their specific identification data (see col. 1 lines 23-27) to ensure that communication is enabled with the appropriate device (see col. 1 lines 27-35).

(b) accessing... the obtained URL address; and

See col. 2 lines 47-53.

(c) obtaining and installing in the computer the device driver corresponding to the peripheral device from the accessed URL-address-location.

See col. 3 lines 11-20.

Claim 2 is the program product version of claim 1 above; while, claim 3 addresses the system version of claim 1 and claims 4-5 appear to merely be the computer to perform the method of claim 1. The features of claims 6-7 are merely

information that can further be utilized to identify the location of the server and therefore are considered obvious in the Elg reference to provide such (for example, see col. 3 lines 21-30). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to utilize the feature in Elg's system to provide all required information for the same reason Elg provides certain information, as indicated above, to assist in locating data.

Conclusion

3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Chavis whose telephone number is (571) 272-3720. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00am-5:30pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis Bullock can be reached on (571) 272-3759. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Jc

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